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For: METHOD FOR THE ENRICHMENT OR DEPLETION OF TUMOR CELLS FROM A  
BODY FLUID AND KIT SUITABLE THEREFOR

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Non-Final Office Action mailed February 10, 2005 in the above-captioned patent application. A response is due May 10, 2005. Applicants believe that no fee is due at this time. However, in the event that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or to charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 08-1641. Accordingly, consideration of the amendments and remarks that follow is requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

**A listing of the claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.